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DECISION

TODAY'S ENTIRE LOCAL AND REGIONAL PRESS HEADLINES THE INCREASED TENSION OF FRENCH PUBLIC OPINION REGARDING THE OUTCOME OF THE PORT OF NEW YORK'S DECISION CONCERNING LANDING AUTHORITY FOR THE "FRENCH-BRITISH" CONCORDE.

EVEN THE MOST CONSERVATIVE COMMENTATORS INDICATE THAT IF THE DECISION IS TAKEN MARCH 10TH, AS EXPECTED, AND IF IT SHOULD BE NEGATIVE, THE CONCORDE ISSUE MAY WELL BECOME A CAMPAIGN ARGUMENT FOR THE LEFT, SOME EVEN SPEAK OF IT AS "AN INSTRUMENT OF WAR" AGAINST THE MAJORITY WHICH WILL BE ACCUSED OF NOT HAVING BEEN EFFECTIVE IN "IMPOSING" A FAVORABLE DECISION ON THE AMERICANS BY MEANS OF DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE OR THREAT OF ECONOMIC REPRISAL. UNCLASSIFIED

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ALL OBSERVERS AGREE THAT THE CONCORDE ISSUE WILL HAVE A STRONG IMPACT ON FRANCO-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS WEEK IT IS CLEAR THAT THE MATTER WILL ALSO BE ONE OF CRUCIAL DOMESTIC IMPORTANCE TO THE FRENCH.

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